(ग) वर्ष 1989 के दौरान गंजबासौदा स्टेशन पर किस एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी के ठहराव की अनुमति दी जा चुकी और निकट भविष्य में वहां पर और क्या-क्या सुविधाएं दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

रेल मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) और (ख) ऐसी रेलवे लाईन का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ग) 1.5.1989 से गंजबासौदा में 167/168 मालवा एक्सप्रेस के ठहराव की व्यवस्था की गयी थी।

निम्नलिखित सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था करने की योजना है :

1. प्लेटफार्म का विस्तार
2. प्लेटफार्म शेल्टर
3. छ लाद ऊंची पैदल पुल।

Major railway accidents

*29. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of major Railway accidents during the year 1989-90 till date;

(b) what is the total number of deaths and the injured, separately, due to these accidents;

(c) what are the main causes of each major accident; and

(d) the reasons why incidence of railway accidents is on the increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) There were two major railway accidents during 1989-90 (upto 10-7-1989), details of which are as under:—

Date of accident	Train No.	Site of accident	Category	No. of casualties			
				Passengers		Others	
				Killed	Injured	Killed	Injured
18-4-89	927 Dn. Karnataka Express.	Between Lalitpur and Dilwara Stations of Central Railway	Derailment	69	216	..	..
				Grievous	89		
				Minor	127		27
15-5-89	211 Dn. Kandlus Porbandar Passenger.	Between Wansjaliya and Sakhpur stations of Western Railway.	Unmanned level crossing accident	..	..	48	29

(c) The cause of accident to No. 211 Down Passenger train was negligent driving by the road vehicle driver at unmanned level crossing. Cause of accident to No. 927 Down Karnataka Express is still under investigation by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Western Circle.

(d) There has been a continuous reduction in accidents during the last four years including in the current year.

Creation of Tourism Finance Corporation

*30. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether FICCI has urged Government to create a Tourism Finance Corporation with a view to giving a push to Tourism in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) A number of organisations including FICCI, had requested the Government to establish Tourism Finance Corporation for providing financial assistance to tourism related activities. On the decision of Central Government, Industrial Finance Corporation of India sponsored Tourism Finance Corporation of India which started functioning with effect from 1-2-1989.

(b) The Corporation has an authorised capital of Rs. 100 crores, out of this Rs. 50 crores has been initially issued and paid up. The main objectives of the Corporation are to provide financial assistance (in the form of rupee loans and foreign currency loans) for setting up and/or develop tourism and related activities, facilities and services which *inter alia* include hotels, restaurants, holiday, resorts, amusement parks and complexes for entertainment, safari parks, ropeways cultural centres, convention halls, transport, travel and tour operating agencies, tourist emporia, sports facilities, etc.

Purchase of more airbuses for the Indian Airlines

*31. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted sanction for purchasing some more air buses for the Indian Airlines ;

(b) if so, the total expenditure involved and the number of airbuses to be purchased ; and

(c) to what extent the services of Indian Airlines are likely to be improved due to induction of new airbuses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Government has in June, 1989 approved the purchase of 12 Airbus A-320 aircraft for Indian Airlines.

(b) The total project cost is Rs. 958.78 crores including a foreign exchange component of Rs. 886.37 crores for the 12 Airbus A-320 aircraft.

(c) Induction of these aircraft will provide additional capacity to Indian Airlines which will result in improved services to passengers.

Sino-Indian Talks

*32. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks were recently held (June 30 to July 4, 1989), between India and China on various bilateral issues including the border disputes;

(b) if so, what specific issues were discussed during these talks; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The talks were held from July 1—3, 1989. The first meeting of the India-China Joint Working Group (JWG) discussed the boundary question. Other bilateral matters, and regional and international issues of mutual interest were discussed as part of the process of annual Foreign Office consultations between India and China.